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Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/52/110), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint a member of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancy that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 1998 of the term of office of Mr. Raúl Quijano (Argentina).

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having held the necessary consultations, and on the basis of the candidates submitted by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, as well as through a consultation by secret ballot with the General Assembly, requested Colombia to propose a candidate (see annex I).

3. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 2 December 1997 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes II and III).

4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following candidate for appointment as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2003:

Mr. Armando Duque González (Colombia).

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Annex I

Note verbale dated 25 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the General Assembly and has the honour to inform him that the Government of Colombia has decided to present the candidature of Mr. Armando Duque González to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The curriculum vitae of Mr. Armando Duque González is enclose herewith.

Appendix

Armando Duque González

(Colombia)

Date of birth: 31 March 1937.

Languages: Spanish, English, French.

United Nations staff member from September 1958 to 31 July 1993, when he took early retirement, after 35 years of service.

April 1992-July 1993	Director (D-2), Division of Administrative Services, United Nations Office at Geneva.
November 1992-April 1993	United Nations Director of Personnel (D-2) and Security Coordinator for the United Nations System.
July 1990-March 1992	Director (D-2), Programme Support Division, Department of Technical Cooperation for Development.
November 1987-June 1990	Director (D-2), Committee Liaison and Administrative Services, and Director, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Department of Public Information.
	Secretary, Committee on Information of the General Assembly.
	Secretary, Joint United Nations Information Committee.
February 1987-October 1987	Director (D-2), Monitoring, Analysis and Evaluation Division, Office for Programme Planning, Budget, Monitoring and Evaluation, Department of Administration and Management.
March 1979-February 1987	Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, (D-1 and P-5) and, concurrently, Secretary of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, and Representative of the Department of Administration and Management on the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.
September 1975-February 1979	Special Assistant to the United Nations Controller (P-5 and P-4), Office of Financial Services.
March 1974-August 1975	Chairman of the United Nations Headquarters Staff Committee and President of the United Nations Staff Union (elected by the staff).
April 1971-September 1975	Budget Officer (P-3 and P-2), Office of the Controller, dealing with political (including peacekeeping operations), legal and decolonization activities.

September 1958-March 1971:

Prior to being promoted to the Professional category in April 1971 and, except for the period from September 1958 to June 1960, during which he worked in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, he discharged functions of progressively higher levels of responsibility in the fields of management and budgetary administration and coordination of administrative policies in the Office of the Controller and on several field assignments: with the United Nations Operation in the Congo (ONUC) from July 1960 to April 1963, with the United Nations Yemen Observation Mission (UNYOM) from July 1963 to January 1964, and with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Beirut, from November 1964 to March 1967.

During his professional career and, particularly since September 1975, he undertook numerous missions away from Headquarters, either as representative at consultations with Governments and at inter-agency meetings or to handle specific administrative reviews and/or inspections of United Nations activities, reporting thereon either to the Controller, the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management or directly to the Secretary-General.

Since his early retirement in 1993, he has undertaken several assignments as Senior Consultant for the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on topics related to the administrative functioning of UNRWA (New York, Vienna, Gaza), the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Office of the Special Coordinator of the Secretary-General in the Occupied Territories (New York, Gaza, West Bank and Israel) as well as for the secretariat of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Climate Change Convention and the United Nations Compensation Commission (Geneva).

Annex II

Letter dated 8 December 1997 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

With reference to your letter of 2 December 1997, I endorse, in my capacity as President of the ECOSOC, with reference to the General Assembly resolution 31-192, of 22 December 1976, the candidature of Mr. Armando Duque González to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(*Signed*) Vladimir **Galuška**

Annex III

Letter dated 13 February 1998 from the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 2 December 1997 regarding the proposed appointment of one member of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, with the appointment of Mr. Armando Duque González (Colombia) beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2003.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**